

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Support for the amendment to claim 1 is found in claim 2 as originally presented. Support for claim 8 is found in claims 1 and 2 as originally presented. Support for claims 9-13 is found in claims 3-7 as originally presented. No new matter would be added to this application by entry of this amendment.

Upon entry of this amendment claims 1 and 3-13 will now be active in this application.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

The present invention is directed to a hair dye composition.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Elhilo for indicating that claims 2 and 6-7 are allowed. Applicants have now amended claim 1 to include the definitions of Groups Cp-1, Cp-2 and Cp-4-Cp-11. As each of these groups appear in claim 2 indicated as allowable by the Examiner, claim 1 is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

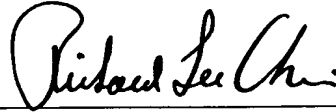
Applicants present herewith new claims 8-13, based on claims 1-7 as originally presented, limited to the Group A formula (Cp-3) where the groups R¹⁶ is either a hydrogen atom, an alkyl or heterocyclic group. Applicants wish to advise the Examiner of the compound 4-(4-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxy-benzylidene)-3-methyl-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-pyrazol-1-yl)-benzenesulfonic acid 10) which appears on page 4 of Goettel et al. U.S. 2002-0010969A1. This compound is not within the scope of any of the present claims as the pyrazol group is not within the scope of claim 1 and an aryl group as Group R¹⁶ is not within the scope of new claims 8-13. Claims 8-13 are neither anticipated nor made obvious from this disclosure. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case to issue.

Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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